

of syllabus उसका असर होगा या कि भाषा और माध्यम का असर होगा। इस देश में अनेक प्रांतों में अनेक भाषाओं में शिक्षा दी जा रही है, तो उससे कोई संस्कृति पर असर पड़ गया हो, ऐसा कहाँ है? कृपा करके एक तो यह बात स्पष्ट कर दें और महोदय, आपसे मैं अनुरोध यह करना चाह रहा हूँ, निवेदन है प्रश्न भी समझ लीजिए कि अगर अंग्रेजी का इतना ही बुरा असर इस देश पर पड़ रहा है, संस्कृति पर पड़ रहा है तो क्या श्रीमन, यहां पर इस हाउस के अंदर अंग्रेजी बंद करने पर विचार करेंगे?

**श्रीमती अम्बिका सोनी :** सर, मैंने तो पहले भी कहा है कि जो जानकारी हासिल हुई, कुछ खास सर्वे तो इस मुद्दे को लेकर नहीं हुए हैं, लेकिन जो भी जानकारी उपलब्ध है, उसके तहत मेरा यह कहना बिल्कुल उचित रहेगा कि कोई सांस्कृतिक मूल्यों को गिरावट हुई है, किसी एक विशेष भाषा में अपनी पढ़ाई करने से, यह जानकारी अभी तक नहीं मिली और जो एन.सी.ई.आर.टी. है, वह पूरे ध्यान से उन किताबों को रिकमंड और सजेस्ट करती है curriculum के लिए, जिनमें आपने संविधान में बनाए हुए मूल्यों की चर्चा हुई है।

**श्री सत्यव्रत चतुर्वेदी :** महोदय, इस पर आपकी तरफ से कोई निर्देश नहीं मिल पाए। मंत्री जी का तो उत्तर मिल गया, लेकिन आपका निर्देश नहीं मिला।

**श्री सभापति :** मेरा निर्देश तो यही होगा कि यह पूरा सदन मिलकर एक प्रस्ताव पास करे। क्या आप करवा सकते हैं?

#### **Amount deposited in National investment Fund**

\*282. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are parking the money in the National Investment Fund (NIF);

(b) if so, the details of such money parked in NIF during the last two years, year-wise;

(c) whether Government are taking up any developmental projects with the money;

(d) if so, the details of such activities undertaken during the last two years; and

(e) the present status of NIF?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a), (b) and (e). The Government has constituted a "National Investment Fund" (NIF) in November, 2005, into which the proceeds from disinvestment of equity in Central Public Sector Enterprises would be channelised. Till date, no funds have accrued to NIF.

(c) and (d). Do not arise in view of the reply above.

SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Sir, the answer says, the Government has constituted a fund and they are going to channelise the proceeds from disinvestment of equity in the Public Sector Enterprises into this fund. I would like to know: Since no money is accrued into this fund, how many Public Sector Enterprises are going to be disinvested and how many are in pipeline? What exactly was the money expected out of this disinvestment during the past two years and this year?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, as the House is aware, some months ago, the Prime Minister announced that disinvestment will be put on hold pending further consultation. Therefore, Sir, I do not expect any money to flow into NIF in the immediate future until consultations are complete, and if there is a consensus on disinvesting small portions of equity in profit-making Central public sector undertakings, only then the question will arise. At the moment, I do not expect any funds to flow.

SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Since they have floated this Fund, and the consultations are on, what exactly is the thinking of the Government by virtue of this money? I am aware that no money has accrued so far. But, what exactly is the programme of the Government? How are you going to spend the money in the event of getting some money into this Fund? I would like to know whether you are going to invest this money in the social sector also.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, under the scheme approved by the Cabinet, 75 per cent of the annual income from the Corpus in the Fund will be used to finance selected social sector schemes that promote education, health and employment; 25 per cent of the income from the Corpus of the Fund will be used to meet the capital investment requirements of profitable and revivable Central public sector undertakings in order to enlarge their capital base to finance and expand certain diversifications.

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Sir, with profound respect to the hon. Minister, we hear some questions are loaded. But in this case, the answer is very loaded. Mr. Minister, should we presume that this NIF is just a signpost? It started in November. You are going to complete 3 years of Government very soon. Should we presume that no money is going to come to this Fund and there will be no consensus? I would like to remind the hon. Minister one of his very conspicuous statements wherein he said: Space should be given to me for reforms. Should I take it that the disinvestment process has come to a complete halt even in the case of sick companies?

SHRI R CHIDAMBARAM: No/Sir. NIF is not concerned with sick companies. The NCMP says, attempts will be made to revive the sick companies. If they are chronically sick and cannot be revived, they will be sold so, the sick companies situation does not impact NIF at all. NIF is intended to be the Corpus of a Fund that will be created by disinvesting small portions of equity in profitable Central public sector undertakings. Since there is no consensus on that issue, the Prime Minister put it on hold. It would not be fair on my part to say that it will never happen. All I can say is, for the present, it is on hold.

SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Mr. Chairman, Sir, this particular Fund has not yet accrued. I would like to know from the hon. Minister one thing. Whatever fund was received so far from disinvestment proceeds, must have been used somewhere. What was the amount so far received not in the name of this Fund, but in the past, the fund must have positively been received? Where has it been invested? Where has it been spent?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, prior to the constitution of this Fund, and prior to the decision taken by the Cabinet about NIF, all disinvestment proceeds went into the Consolidated Fund of India, and they have been accounted for in annual financial statement presented to Parliament. There was no separate Fund. It went into the CFI.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 283

#### **Completion of Tillari Irrigation Project**

\*283. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tillari Irrigation Project in Maharashtra has been completed;